

The following legislative priorities are of the highest importance to the City of Burnsville. The City will actively advocate for these primary positions with the legislature and our legislative delegation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP**Freeway  
Landfill/Dump

Preferred Alternative  
Creates  
**\$735 MILLION**  
In Redevelopment

The City of Burnsville supports creative legislative action that protects ground water and Minnesota River water through landfill and dump remediation. Remediating in a way that also can support future economic redevelopment for the benefit of the City, region, and state is also of the utmost importance. The City supports non-bonding state funding allocated for remediation.

For decades, interested and motivated parties have sought to remediate the Freeway Landfill and Dump in a way that will protect the environment, the drinking water supply, and the Minnesota River. These environmentally challenged sites have high economic development potential due to their size and high profile locations along the Minnesota River and I-35W. The City of Burnsville seeks a solution that would first, meet all environmental needs, but also allow for meaningful redevelopment opportunities that would benefit the entire state. The State of Minnesota is the responsible party for environmental remediation projects.

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**COLLABORATIVE  
PARTNERSHIPS**Fire Prevention  
Districts

Eliminates Duplication  
and Addresses up to  
**7% INCREASE**  
In Service Demand

The City of Burnsville seeks special legislation to Minnesota Statute that allows for the creation of a Fire Prevention District through consolidation among two or more departments.

The City of Burnsville has a strong history of collaborative service delivery to ensure high quality services in a fiscally responsible manner. As fire and emergency medical services become more complex and expensive, and shifting demographics creates challenges for staffing models. Fire Prevention Districts provide an opportunity for communities to partner with a shared goal of providing effective and cost sensitive public safety services. Current Minnesota Statutes do not allow for these districts to be created without legislative approval.

Staff Contacts: BJ Jungmann, Fire Chief and Melanie Lee, City Manager

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**Center Village  
TIF District  
(Burnsville Center)

Creates  
**\$935 MILLION**  
in New Value &  
**\$28 MILLION**  
In New Property Taxes

The City of Burnsville seeks special legislation to create a TIF district in and around the County Road 42/Burnsville Center campus, which has been reenvisioned as the Burnsville Center Village.

As home to a regional retail destination - Burnsville Center - the City of Burnsville has actively engaged in visioning for that area in recognition of the changing retail landscape and market impacts. The City supports tools that will provide the flexibility and ability to encourage redevelopment investment prior to the property becoming blighted. Current Minnesota Statutes require special legislation to use these tools on obsolete properties.

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# SUPPORTING POSITIONS

The City of Burnsville actively participates with the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC), Metro Cities, and the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC) for the advancement of policies and positions that enhance the ability to provide creative and effective public services in a responsible manner.

For the items below, the City of Burnsville expresses specific interest and support:

## LOCAL CONTROL

Municipalities are complex, professional, and effective organizations that serve the interests and priorities of their constituents in a responsive, non-partisan manner. The City of Burnsville has active participation among its resident and business community and seeks feedback and involvement.



### THE CITY STRONGLY SUPPORTS LOCAL CONTROL IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. Land Use
2. Creation of Additional Alternative Revenue Sources (Local Option Sales Tax, Franchise Fees, Etc.)
3. Maintenance of Existing Revenue Tools



### THE CITY DOES NOT SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT:

1. Erodes the Fundamental Principle of Local Control in Cities
2. Imposes Unfunded State Mandates
3. Limits or Takes Away the Ability of a City to Manage Public Rights-of-Way
4. Limits or Takes Away the City's Authority in the Areas of Zoning, Comprehensive Planning, Utility and Transportation Planning, Etc.

## HOST COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

This targeted program recognizes the economic impacts of hosting a regional landfill and the City remains supportive of continued funding to assist with infrastructure reinvestment. (CM M. Lee)

## AGGREGATE MINING FEE

To foster the proper use of mineral aggregate resources on the local level, the City supports the State establishment of a host community fee. The City would like to see a fair host community fee that is mutually agreeable to aggregate producers and local governments. The fees should be applied to aggregates removed from a commercial source only, not materials removed from construction project sites. (PWD R. Peterson)

## PRIMARY SERVICE AREA (PSA)

Burnsville, like several other cities, has multiple ambulance services that are authorized to operate within its boundaries. The first priority for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within the City's geographic borders should continue to be the City's Fire/EMS Department resources. Further, the City supports the existing prioritization of medical calls by the Dakota Communications Center. The City supports ensuring that Burnsville maintains the ability to determine who provides EMS within the city and further defining and streamlining of EMS regulation within the State, including data collection. (FD BJ Jungmann)